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Title :	Devices and Methods for Port-Access Multivessel Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery	Examiner : D. Isabella

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 18, 2002, Applicants elect the species defined by the Examiner as Invention VI relating to Claims 7-8, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to pursue claims for the remaining inventions.

In the specification:

Please amend page 1, line 7 to add the following paragraph as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/615,481 (filed on March 25, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,338,735, which is division of U.S. Patent Application Serial

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No. 08/206,419, filed on October 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 5,845,214, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/730,559, filed on July 16, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,370,685.

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled without prejudice claims 1-6 and 9-14. Remaining claims 7-8 correspond to the Examiner's Group VI contained in the Restriction Requirement.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by this amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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